

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Junya KAKU Group Art Unit: 2621

Application Number: 09/803,012 Examiner: Robert Chevalier

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For: MOVING IMAGE REPRODUCING APPARATUS

Attorney Docket Number: 010304

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

This paper is filed being filed in response to the Examiner Telephone Interview conducted on October 31, 2006.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 are pending in the present application, of which claims 2-6 have been

allowed and claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Konuta

et al. (US 2002/0180715) in view of Sata et al. (USP 5,134,499). No amendment has been

proposed. It is respectfully submitted that this Statement of Substance of Interview clearly

reflects the substance of the telephone interview conducted on October 31, 2006 for the present

application.

The courtesy extended by Examiner Chevalier during the telephone interview to

Applicant's representative, Thomas E. Brown, is gratefully appreciated.

With regard to Applicant's argument, made in the Response dated September 19, 2006,

that Sata et al. '499 fails to disclose the claimed feature regarding a transfer task to transfer a

partial amount per time of the moving image content from said recording medium to said internal

memory, as called for in claim 1, the Examiner asserts on page 2 of the Advisory Action dated

September 26, 2006 that Sata et al. does not have to teach this feature since Konuta teaches this

feature in paragraphs ([0019], [0021] and [0037]).

However, while Konuta may disclose transferring all the image data from the external

memory 1 to the internal memory 13, Konuta is silent with regard to a parallel reproduce task to

reproduce the image data stored in the internal memory 13. Instead, Konuta teaches that only

after the transfer between the memory 1 and memory 13 is completed, is the stored image data of

memory 13 displayed (see paragraph [0027]).

Further on page two of the Advisory Action the Examiner asserts that "Sata et al is cited

for the capability of simultaneously transferring and reproducing data on and from a memory

recording medium," and directs Applicant's attention to components 3-5 of Sata.

In other words, the Examiner takes the position that the writing head 3 writes (or

transfers) image data to the disk 4 (internal memory) and the reading head 5 reads or reproduces

the image data from the disk 4 in parallel.

However, as explained during said telephone interview, in Fig. 2 of Sata, two system

controllers 12 and 22 are used to control the optical heads 11 and 22 for the writing and reading

operations, respectively.

As such, Sata clearly fails to disclose a processor for carrying out in parallel a plurality

of tasks under a control of a multi-task OS, since instead, as discussed above, Sata uses two

systems controllers 12 and 22 for reading and writing to disk 4. In addition, Sata fails to disclose

that the plurality of tasks carried out by said processor includes a transfer task to transfer a

partial amount per time of the moving image content from said recording medium to said

internal memory and a reproduce task to reproduce the moving image content stored in said

internal memory.

It is respectfully submitted that during said interview the Examiner agreed to reconsider

the rejection of claim 1 based on the above-noted arguments against Sata, as indicated in the

Examiner Interview Summary Record dated November 3, 2006. Accordingly, reconsideration is

respectfully requested.

In addition, during said interview, the Examiner cited the Haines reference (U.S. Patent

No. 5,479,302), which has not been officially made of record as of yet, in an attempt to show that

the above-noted deficiencies of Sata could be performed by Haines. However, upon review of

the Haines reference, it is submitted that such reference does not disclose the above-noted

drawbacks and deficiencies of Sata and Konuta concerning a processor for carrying out in

parallel a plurality of tasks under a control of a multi-task OS, wherein the plurality of tasks

carried out by said processor includes a transfer task to transfer a partial amount per time of the

moving image content from said recording medium to said internal memory and a reproduce

task to reproduce the moving image content stored in said internal memory.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Response

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In view of the aforementioned remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition

for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to

expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate

extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect

to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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